The Council re-assembled at the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at 11 a.m. on Monday, the 5th February 1923, the hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR Avargal, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., President, presiding.

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NEW MEMBER.

Mr. ARTHUR J. LEECH was sworn in.

II

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No.* 15—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in alphabetical order, specify the serial numbers of his questions, and make a sufficient pause to allow him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Allowance to copyists and examiners in Revenue offices.

774 *Q.*—Mr. A. M. AHMAD MIRAN SAHIB : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the allowance sanctioned to copyists and examiners in Revenue offices in G.O. No. 204, Financial, dated 14th March 1919, and in B.P. No. 1083, Miscellaneous, dated 20th September 1921, has not yet been paid in the Tinnevelly district while the same has been paid in major portions of the Presidency ; if not, why not ?

A.—Arrears of the allowances from 1st January 1919 to end of March 1922 have not yet been paid in Tinnevelly and some other districts. Steps are being taken for providing the necessary funds.

Mr. AHMAD MIRAN SAHIB :—" Sir, may I know when the arrears will be paid ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD HABIB-UL-LAH SAHIB Bahadur :—" The hon. Member is aware that it is only the other day that the House sanctioned a supplementary grant for the purpose of clearing the arrears. Orders will issue shortly."

Medical School at Salem.

775 *Q.*—Rao Sahib S. ELLAPPA CHETTIYAR : With reference to question No. 238 and the answer thereto, dated the 3rd August 1921, regarding the opening of a medical school at Salem, will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government has considered the advisability of starting a medical school at Salem ?

A.—The Government have not considered the question of starting a medical school at Salem. As pointed out in the answer to question 238 of the 3rd August 1921, the question can be considered only after the new Medical School at Coimbatore has been opened and has worked for some time.